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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

It really does seem counter-productive to do away with competition in cable/broadband services. In doing so, the FCC will only be allowing companies like AT&T to increase their already sizeable profit without requiring increased investment in consumer friendly infrastructure and services. I seem to recall that the big telecommunications companies like AT&T were once required to be broken up as their monopoly behavior was found to be bad for the interests of consumers and the telecommunications industry in general.

Monopoly like behavior never works for the good of the public or the country. Broadband competition has been good for the public and should be sustained, not curtailed.

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